

***REV. WILLIAM ROPER, C.M.F.***  
***(MISSIONARY SONS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, CLARETIANS)***

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**Vicar for Clergy Database**

Clergy Assignment Record (Detailed)

**Rev William Roper, C.M.F.**

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*Current Primary Assignment**Birth Date**Age:**Birth Place**Deanery:* 22*Diaconate Ordination**Priesthood Ordination**Diocese Name**Date of Incardination**Religious Community*

Claretian Missionaries

*Ritual Ascription*

Latin

*Ministry Status*

To Lay State

*Canon State*

Relig. Order Priest


*Incard Process* ☐*Begin Pension Date**Seminary**Ethnicity***Fingerprint Verification and Safeguard Training***Date Background Check**Virtus Training Date*

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**Assignment History**

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To whom it may concern,  
 llt~~o~~ Wednesday 11/16/93.  
 at 11:45 pm. This is ~~the first time~~  
 the first time I have written  
 about my relationship (for  
 lack of a better word) with  
 Father Roper.

I remember he had black  
 or dark brown hair which he  
 had slicked back very neatly.  
 His face also seemed so red  
 to me, and he can never forget  
 his glasses which were black  
 thick plastic - like this   
 He wore a all black outfit  
 with a white D square on  
 his collar & there was some  
 type of gold pin on his pocket.  
 Looking back through the eyes  
 of a 10 yr old - He was God.  
 He would sit me on his  
 lap and stick his hands  
 down my pants & touch  
 me and ask me if it felt  
 good. He would nod my head  
 yes. In the kitchen or  
 the Bathroom & maybe the  
 underground grave. He knew  
 in my heart he did more  
 and in Gods time - and Grobs

will more maybe revealed  
 This went on for a year  
 and a half. It got worse and  
 I went flying. "God's Grace"

The impact this man had on  
 me was profound to say the  
 least. I could never under-  
 stand why my mom and  
 I always got in huge fights  
 when she would say "Catholicism  
 is the only way, the right way"  
 What a fake! I hated priests  
 and was terrified of them.  
 Now @ 36 I no longer hate  
 them but, I still am terrified  
 I know Father Roper was just  
 a very sick man! He even  
 said so. Nobody wants to  
 talk about what he <sup>or the inside of</sup> term  
 The Nitty Gritty - The impact  
~~of~~ - I could never  
 understand why I felt  
 like Satan was - going to  
 get me - or inside of me  
 or why sometimes when I  
 saw Jesus on the Crucifix  
 he would have an  
 expression - forgive me Lord.  
 Or why it felt good.

Or why when he was young  
and used to play Barbies  
~~with~~ with <sup>REDACTED</sup> and  
we would pretend to chop  
off Ken's Penis - why he got  
physically aroused.

Or why at age 36 he try  
and go to Catholic Church or  
where they have those  
Uniforms he can't stop shaking  
<sup>REDACTED</sup>

God is a God of Grace -  
you see back then when it  
hurt so bad he would  
check out and go flying  
like a little Angel. He  
was so beautiful. He still  
have dreams of being in  
flight - Thankyou Jesus  
and God did not let  
me remember until 20+  
years later.

<sup>REDACTED</sup>

REDACTED

, I was  
 sitting in CoCo's <sup>REDACTED</sup> haven  
 dinner  
 when he remembered. He was  
 in total shock! He still  
 don't remember all and.  
 He am not sure he want to,  
 This he do know is God  
 works All things for the  
 good ~~to~~ those who believe  
 He truly does! He would  
 like to help. He would like  
 to do some speaking on  
 behalf of the Church, or  
 should he say for God He  
 has been so good to me. He  
 would like to maybe  
 speak out to the men  
 who are priest or about  
 to become one and let them  
 know the "Nitty Gritty" Before  
 they do some thing. He would  
 like to tell others - There  
 is life through Christ and  
 his strength in the after math  
 and you don't have to become  
 a Sinner Happy or out for  
 a Revenge, let all  
 comes down to this Philippians  
 4.8. What ever is true Right,

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Pure, Holy, or of Good Report  
 Let your mind dwell on  
 these things"

On as ~~as~~ ~~as~~ he once heard  
 The Grass is not Greener on the  
 other Side of the fence - It's  
 greener on the Side you water  
 it on.

It's now 12:30 am - and I'm  
 getting tired - I ask you  
 please to help with my  
 medical Bills - past - present -  
 and future. That's all, so I can  
 finally get well.

Now for the outside stuff  
 on the not so "nitty gritty"  
 I had an affair <sup>REDACTED</sup> combination  
 that I was -

<sup>REDACTED</sup> To suppress my  
 feelings - Heck I had  
 no feeling words. I remember  
 when someone would ask me  
 how I felt - I would answer  
 "Like Shit" Well Shit isn't a  
 feeling - I did not know  
 what feelings were. I  
<sup>REDACTED</sup>

Because of Fear,  
 Rejection - I was extremely  
 insecure - I went on shopping  
 sprees like you would not

believe, but not for me (because he was not worthy enough) he just bought gifts for everyone else. He was so sad all the time. The thought of this man (or God in my eyes) touching me and doing all these things to me was incomprehensible. He drank even more. There were times when he could not handle life - my husband, kids or job - he just stayed at home & trembled - he was so sure Satan was going to get me, or maybe he was already inside that's why it was OK for this priest to do these things to me.

Finally, he decided to phone the San Dominguez Seminary & talk to him - a old timer I remembered Father Roper and told me he was excommunicated and he believed that he had moved to Washington. Here comes God's grace or a miracle if you will - I don't recall what city he believed

REDACTED

REDACTED He asked the operator for the number of a William



Roper, and she gave it to me. That was @ 3.00 in the afternoon. A young man answered the phone and he asked him if this was William Ropers home he said yes. He asked if he was a priest in CA, 20 years ago and he said yes. This young man was his son. He told him to tell his father he would call back @ 8.00pm and he

REDACTED was REDACTED

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. You see a part of me didn't want to believe any of this was true. Father Roper answered the phone. He told him who he was and did he remember me - he said "yes" he asked him - Do you remember the things you did to me and he said "yes", and that he was a very sick man - and he was still

in counseling for it. He  
 said he had a new  
 life - was married <sup>married</sup> ~~married~~ <sup>now</sup> ~~now~~  
 and had 2 boys  
 we spoke it seemed like  
 forever but he's sure it  
 was only 20 minutes or so.  
 He said he was sorry, and  
 he forgave him - (or @ least  
 @ that time he thought so) he  
 asked if he needed to talk  
 some more. Could he call  
 him. His reply was my  
 kids go to bed @ 8:00p.  
 and we hung up. In a  
 way I felt relieved. He  
 wasn't going crazy and @  
 the same time he was  
 terrified. My mind was  
 racing.

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I want to help Christ who  
 seems to get sensationalized  
 through the media with  
 all the Hype on "Catholic  
 Priest, Child molesters" "In God's  
 Name". Where does it end?  
 Where do we draw the line?  
 and say enough is enough.  
 People are people whether  
 they are priests or whatever,  
 and there is good and bad  
 in this world and sometimes  
 bad stuff happens and we  
 shouldn't chastise Christianity  
 because of some bad-sick  
 people. We should forgive  
 them as Christ did for us,  
 get some help if needed,  
 and get on with life. And  
 if ~~we~~ we can take my story  
 and help a few people  
 then none of this would have  
 been in vain. Again I  
 truly believe God works all  
 things for the good to those  
 who believe.

I know I have more  
 work to do in counseling,  
 but I can not afford to  
 see REDACTED any more because

we have changed insurance  
 Companies and she is not  
 on their list. It's been  
 6 mo since I have seen  
 her and I desperately need  
 to return to Counseling for  
 my own sanity. REDACTED  
 REDACTED

I ask you  
 Please to help me, so I  
 can get better and so I  
 can help others. - Thank you.

REDACTED

November 18, 1993

RE: REDACTED

To Whom It May Concern:

REDACTED initiated treatment with me on November 11, 1989. At that time she was experiencing a highly agitated depression intensified by her recent recall of her repressed molestation as a child by a Catholic priest whom she referred to as Father Roper.

I believe that this molestation has had a significantly negative impact upon this woman's ability to function as a healthy adult. It has contributed to her low self esteem, her confused sexuality including marital difficulties, intense confusion towards her religious values, alcoholism, compulsive spending, and problems related to comfort in parenting. Much of her treatment has been focused towards resolving these issues.

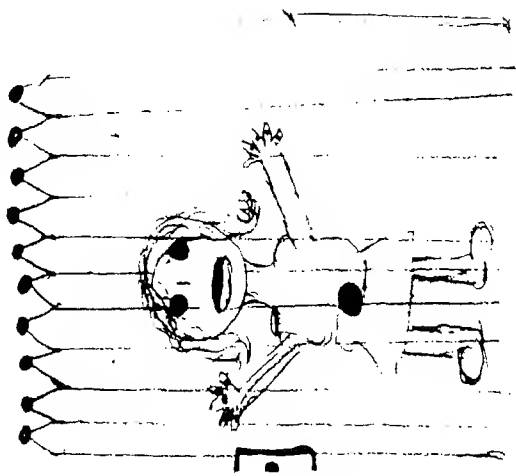
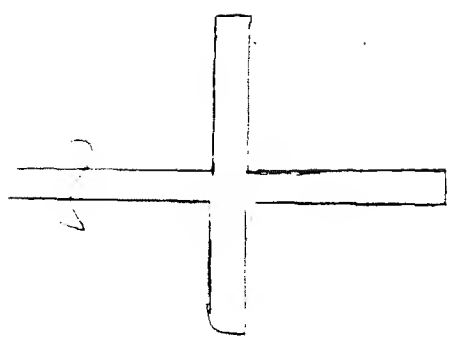
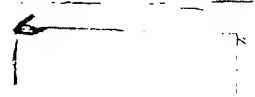
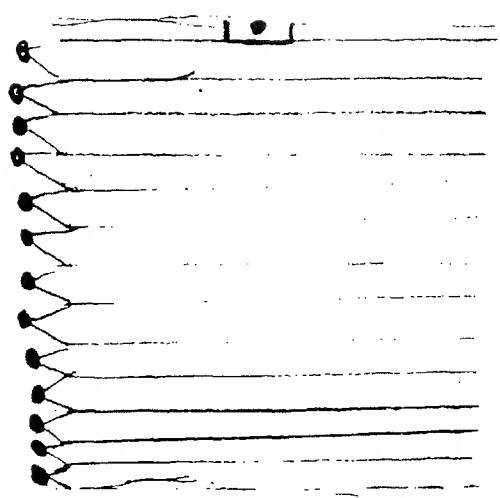
If you should need further clarification please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
REDACTED

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November 14, 1993

REDACTED

REDACTED

Provincial Office Clarition  
1115 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90019

Re: Father William Roper

Re: REDACTED

As per our telephone conversation on 11-23-93, thank you for the time to speak with me. I wish it were under better circumstances.

As per your request, I have enclosed my medical bill to date, which total \$13,540.00. This does not include the "Addiction Recovery" program I was in REDACTED. I believe I was born with this disease, henceforth, this is my responsibility. The bills I have enclosed are from 11/10/89 to 4/30/93. I would like you to note this is one (1) year past the date of the statute of limitations. I wanted the church to know I was not at this for the money. I would like my medical bills paid, for both past the above amount and future. I am not seeking compensation for the damage done to me. I believe this was a very kind priest. As I had told you previously, I contacted Father Roper in Washington, he did admit to it, and said he was in counseling now for this problem. I am sure if you check you will find this correct. I am also sure that if you check my Pacific Telephone bill you will find a a 10:10 phone conversation that took place. I do not know what the final bills will be. I am sure Dr. REDACTED can help us with this.

As far as my children are concerned, I would like to set up a account for their counseling. As we now have Aetna Insurance our co-pay is at \$30.00 per session. The have each seen Dr. REDACTED 3 times. I truly believe that they are also entitled to compensation as I am sure you are aware that this is a "trustworthy" case and effort. If you would like I could send you the bill to pay so we can figure out a flat amount.

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with reference to the Catholic Church. I would like to make it  
 not and let people know that whether you are a priest, the  
 whatever, we are all human. And as we all know human be-  
 know. Sometimes big ones as Father Roper did. My  
 believe, is a miracle from the Lord all the way around. I  
 not necessarily mean the things Father Roper did to re-  
 very, the forgiveness, the letting go, and the speaking  
 to help other is definately a gift from God. He tells us "God  
 works ALL things to the good for those who believe".

I have also enclosed a letter from Dr. REDACTED  
 picture I had drawn for Dr. REDACTED on Jan. '90.

I thank you for all of your help and assistance regarding this  
 matter.

REDACTED

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December 06, 1993

REDACTED

Father Tim Dyer  
1531 West 9th Street  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90015-1194

Re: Father William Roper

Dear Father Dyer:

Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with me last Monday, as per your suggestion, I revised my letter and I am enclosing a copy of it. Hopefully all is in order.

Can you please call Father REDACTED to let him know you will be assisting me in this matter.

Thank you for all of your help and understanding regarding this matter.

Sincerely,  
REDACTED

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REDACTED

December 06, 1993

REDACTED

Clarition Provincial Office  
1119 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90019

Re: Father William Roper

Dear Father Martins,

As per our telephone conversation on 11-23-93, thank you for taking the time to speak with me. I wish it were under better circumstances.

As per your request, I have enclosed my medical bills to date. The total is \$13,540.00. I have also enclosed a letter from Dr. REDACTED, a picture I drew in 1/90, and a journal of mine describing a little of what happened to me as a result from Father Roper molesting me. I am requesting my medical bills, past, present and future to be paid.

I would also like the church to pay for my childerens medical bills they have a \$30.00 co-pay and each (2) of them have been seen by Dr. REDACTED 3 times each. If you would like we can either mail you the bills as they come in, or we can figure out a flat amount based on the doctors opinion.

Father, as per Father Dyers suggestion here are the facts:

- 1) When I first started to remember about Father Roper I was in shock, and that is when I started counseling, not after.
- 2) Father Roper was reported to the state of Washington as a possible sex offender in Nov. 1989. I am in the process of obtaining a copy or number of that report for your records.
- 3) I contacted Father Roper sometime around the latter part of 1989 he did admit to molesting me. Said he was a "very sick man, and he is still in counseling now for this".

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- 4) I have contacted Pacific Telephone to obtain a copy of my bill showing I did call Father Roper. I spoke with REDACTED who informed me that the Church would have to obtain a subpoena, and take it to telephone security office in Los Angeles. They will then give you a copy of the bill. The only other way is for me to hire a attorney and have the attorney subpoena the bill, and since I am only requesting my medical bills be paid I hope you can request the above.

With reference to my appointment with Father Tim Dyer on 11-29-93, I was sorry you could not make the appointment. As per his request I will be sending a copy of this letter to him, and I ask for a reply to my letter no later than 12-20-93. This would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance regarding this matter. Please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,  
REDACTED

encl.

REDACTED

home  
work

cc: Father Tim Dyer

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Archdiocese of Los Angeles

Office of  
Vicar for Clergy  
(213) 251-32841531  
West Ninth  
StreetLos Angeles  
California  
90015-1194

December 7, 1993

REDACTED

Claretian Provincial Office  
1119 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Dear REDACTED :

As you know, I met on November 29 with Ms. REDACTED who alleges that she was molested by Father William Roper. In explained to her the distinction of jurisdictions in this matter, i.e., that I would at your request be of any assistance possible.

Ms. REDACTED showed me a draft of a letter she plans to send to you, and I understand that you requested she write such a letter.

While she has contacted Father Roper at one point during the past year, she did not think to ask him to pay her medical bills, as she supposed that responsibility belonged to the Order. I explained to her that the Order would hold Father Roper responsible, but she will ask you to make the next contact with him, as she feels emotionally unable to do that.

I do want to be of any help I can in this case, and I would appreciate--for the records of the Archdiocese, inasmuch as we have now been put on notice--a report from you indicating the steps you are taking, in the event that you do not involve me personally in those steps.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev. Msgr.) Timothy J. Dyer  
Vicar for Clergy

REDACTED

Pastoral Regions: Our Lady of the Angels San Fernando San Gabriel San Pedro Santa Barbara

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ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES  
OFFICE OF VICAR FOR CLERGY  
(213) 251-3284

*Anita - Burris*  
*past —* *lay*

*11/29 3 P.M.*  
          

REDACTED , REDACTED

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
REDACTED

*I started to remember*  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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**CLARETIAN  
MISSIONARIES**

December 15, 1993

PROVINCIAL OFFICE

REDACTED

Dear REDACTED

The peace and love of Our Lord Jesus be with you.

The following is in response to our telephone conversation on November 23, 1993, and your letter, dated December 6, 1993. Thank you for sending me the information regarding your situation. I pray that full healing may come to you.

I have made an investigation of William Roper's history with the Claretian Missionaries. I have found no record and have no knowledge of any sexual misconduct with minors by William Roper when he was a Claretian. This does not mean he did not have any sexual misconduct but that the Claretians were not aware of any misconduct. In your telephone call you seemed to insinuate that the Claretian Missionaries were responsible for the sexual abuse you said you suffered from William Roper. William Roper would be the person solely responsible for his actions. The Claretian Missionaries cannot be responsible for actions they knew nothing about.

The following are the facts regarding William Roper's leaving the Claretians: Our records show that William Roper requested and was given a three months' leave of absence starting June 7, 1973. On June 17, 1973, he asked for laicization from the priesthood and separation from the Claretians because he wanted to get married. Attempts were made by the Provincial of the Claretians asking William Roper to think his decision over carefully because of his hasty decision. The paperwork for the process of laicization began shortly afterwards. Laicization and separation from the Claretians was officially granted to William Roper on REDACTED. William Roper's REDACTED was validated in the Catholic Church on REDACTED. He had been civilly married sometime before this date and that action of civil marriage would have excommunicated him from the Catholic Church at that time.

The Claretian Missionaries hold that all forms of child abuse are intrinsically evil and immoral. Although pedophilia may be classified as a disease, the Claretians unequivocally hold that we neither condone nor justify pedophilia or any

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other form of child abuse. In fact, the Claretians will not tolerate any expression of sexual misconduct perpetrated by their priests, deacons, brothers, or seminarians. Accordingly, the Claretians will make every effort possible to ensure that no applicant with a proclivity toward the abuse of minors (or anyone) is ever admitted to candidacy, novitiate, profession, or ordination.

The Claretians are aware that, from time to time, an individual (the "accuser") may come forward alleging that a former Claretian abused him or her in the past, specifically while the former Claretian was still a member of the Claretians. In such a case, the Claretians will make every good faith effort to locate the accused, former Claretian, so that the accuser, should he or she so desire, may confront him with the accusation. Should the accuser demand or request restitution, counseling, money, or any form of valuable consideration (the "demand"), the policy of the Claretians is for the accuser to make the demand of the accused, former Claretian. The Claretian Missionaries are in no way responsible for satisfying such demand. If the accused, former Claretian is, in fact, guilty of the accusation made by the accuser, the Claretians believe that the accused, former Claretian is solely responsible for satisfying such demand. This is only just and right.

Therefore, with your permission, I will send William Roper the demand you sent me along with your address so that he may respond to it.

I pray that you may be relieved of all the hurt that you are experiencing so that you may be completely healed.

Sincerely,  
REDACTED

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Msgr. Craig A.

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From: REDACTED  
 Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2002 7:10 PM  
 To: Cox, Msgr. Craig A.  
 Subject: REDACTED

I received a call on the 1-800 hotline from Ms. REDACTED on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. I spoke with her this evening. She reported that she was sexually molested by Fr. William (Bill) Roper. This occurred when she was approximately 8 years old and occurred repeatedly over a two year period, 1968-1969. She stated that the abuse occurred at "Claretville Seminary." She could not recall the exact location, she however believed it was in near Laurel Canyon.

Ms. REDACTED remembered that she had told her parents about the abuse and they spoke with someone in authority. She did not recall who. Fr. Roper was removed from the seminary soon after.

She has been through "years and years" of therapy and is looking to be reimbursed for her expenses. She has already contacted an attorney and is exploring a lawsuit. She inquired about the statute of limitations.

Approximately thirteen years ago, she called the Los Angeles Chancery Office and was given the contact information for him. She contacted him in Seattle and arranged to meet with him. She stated that he admitted abusing her and two other children. He was married at the time of the meeting and had two children. He shared with her that he was sent to treatment in Arizona for his behavior. "They gave him help but didn't give me anything."

I looked up Father Roper in access, he is a Claritian. He was layasized.

She would like to be contacted tomorrow afternoon at work if possible. Her work number is REDACTED Her home number is REDACTED



Cox, Msgr. Craig A.

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**CLARETIAN  
MISSIONARIES**

PROVINCIAL OFFICE

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Rev. Msgr. Timothy Dyer  
Vicar for Clergy  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles  
1531 West Ninth Street  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90015-1194

Dear Msgr. Dyer,

Enclosed is a letter of response to REDACTED I believe the  
steps we take are self-explanatory in the letter. I see no reason  
to involve you in this matter at this time.

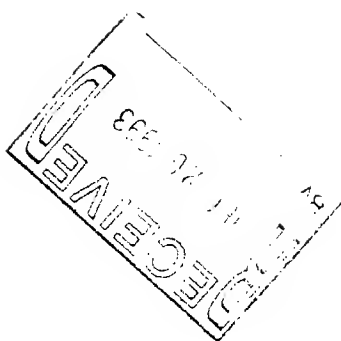
If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely in Jesus with Mary,  
REDACTED

THE CONGREGATION OF SONS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE NC  
1119 WESTCHESTER PLACE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90019

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DATE INITIATED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: Rev. William Kopew CMF

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PERSON MAKING ALLEGATION: REDACTED  
REDACTED

REDACTED

\_\_\_\_ Work

\_\_\_\_ Home

REPORT/ALLEGATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ARCHDIOCESAN ATTORNEY/INSURANCE NOTIFIED: (date) \_\_\_\_\_

THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(priest) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_THERAPISTS/DOCTORS: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(for others) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ADDITIONAL CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
PERSONS: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ADVOCATES/ATTORNEY: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## CASE CHRONOLOGY:

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Los Angeles  
California  
90010-2241

March 28, 2002

REDACTED

Claretian Provincial Office  
1119 Westchester Place  
Los Angeles, CA 90019

Dear Father Lozano:

On Tuesday, March 26, we received a message on our Archdiocesan sexual abuse hot line. REDACTED spoke to the person and obtained information regarding her claims. He is a brief summary of Doctor REDACTED report.

I received a call on the 1-800 hotline from Ms. REDACTED on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. I spoke with her this evening. She reported that she was sexually molested by Fr. William (Bill) Roper. This occurred when she was approximately 8 years old and occurred repeatedly over a two-year period, 1968-1969. She stated that the abuse occurred at "Claretville Seminary."

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It is my understanding that Father Roper was eventually laicized.

I will be calling REDACTED today to inform her that I am passing this information on to you. I will give her your name and address and phone, as well as let her know that someone from your office will be in touch with her shortly. Since Father Roper was a Claretian, and since Claretville was an apostolate of your community, I trust that you will extend pastoral care to this woman and offer whatever assistance is appropriate to assist her in her healing. Her phone REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED

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Pastoral Regions: Our Lady of the Angels San Fernando San Gabriel San Pedro Santa Barbara

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Would you please be so kind as to keep us informed about this matter.

May God continue to bless you in your very challenging role of leadership. Thank you for the ministry of the Claretians here in the Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ.



Monsignor Craig A. Cox, J.C.D.  
Vicar for Clergy

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Dear REDACTED

On Tuesday, March 26, we received a message on our Archdiocesan sexual abuse hot line. REDACTED spoke to the person and obtained information regarding her claims. He is a brief summary of REDACTED report:

I received a call on the 1-800 hotline from REDACTED on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. I spoke with her this evening. She reported that she was sexually molested by Fr. William (Bill) Roper. This occurred when she was approximately 8 years old and occurred repeatedly over a two-year period, 1968-1969. She stated that the abuse occurred at "Claretville Seminary."

REDACTED remembered that she had told her parents about the abuse and they spoke with someone in authority. She did not recall who. Fr. Roper was removed from the seminary soon after. She has been through "years and years" of therapy and is looking to be reimbursed for her expenses. She has already contacted an attorney and is exploring a lawsuit.

Approximately thirteen years ago, she called the Los Angeles Chancery Office and was given contact information for Father Roper. She contacted him in Seattle and arranged to meet with him. She stated that he admitted abusing her and two other children. He was married at the time of the meeting and had two children. He shared with her that he was sent to treatment in Arizona for his behavior. "They gave him help but didn't give me anything."

It is my understanding that Father Roper was eventually laicized.

I will be calling REDACTED today to inform her that I am passing this information on to you. I will give her your name and address and phone, as well as let her know that someone from your office will be in touch with her shortly. Since Father Roper was a Claretian, and since Claretville was an apostolate of your community, I trust that you will extend pastoral care to this woman and offer whatever assistance is appropriate to assist her in her healing. Her phone REDACTED REDACTED

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Would you please be so kind as to keep us informed about this matter.

May God continue to bless you in your very challenging role of leadership. Thank you for the ministry of the Claretians here in the Archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig A. Cox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" being the most prominent.

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